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In re CONTINUATION APPLICATION of:) Confirmation No. 9593
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Application No.: 10/561,170) Prior Group Art Unit: 1621
Filed: December 16, 2005) Prior Examiner: Lao, Marialouisa.
FOR: **POTASSIUM OR SODIUM SALT OF**)
(-)-2-{[2-(4-HYDROXYPHENYL)-
ETHYL]THIO}-3-[4-(2-{4-
[(METHYLSULFONYL)OXY]PHENO
XY}ETHYL)PHENYL]-PROPANOIC
ACID AND THEIR USE IN
MEDICINE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction dated April 9, 2007, the time for responding to which has been extended to and including June 11, 2007 (June 9 being a Saturday) by Petition and authorization for payment of the extension fee submitted herewith.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group I and, as the single disclosed species, elect "diabetes," as discussed in more detail below.

Prior to taking up this application for a first Action on the merits, please amend the claims as follows, to be consistent with the above election.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 8.